

## STDCM calls 30 hours general strike from March 9

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Schedule Tribe Demand Committee Manipur calls 30 hours general strike on the 6 valley district of Manipur denouncing the government over failure to sent recommendation for the inclusion of Meetei/Meitei on schedule tribe list. Speaking to the media person Co-convenor of coordinating body of STDCM, L.Romesh Meetei said that due to the resolution taken on the 3rd of March during the gigantic rally to call general strike on

the Valley if the government fails to send required recommendation to the central government by the 6th of March.

He further said that the general strike will begin from 6 am of March 9 and conclude at the midnight of March 10. He added that all the construction works regarding the railway line will be cease.

Romesh further appealed to shut all business activities including street vendors and other offices at all the valley area. Transporters are also appealed to support the demand by stopping service

during the general strike.

He also warned serious consequences if any state function or state examination are organised during the general strike.

Romesh further clarified that all essential services, media persons and other religious activities will not be cover during the 30 hour general strike. He also added that candidates of central examination will also be exempted during the strike.

Finally he also appealed the people of the state irrespective of their communities to support the movement.

## CM Launches Scholarship Scheme For Civil Services Aspirants

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh officially launched the Chief Minister's Scholarship Scheme for Civil Services Coaching worth over Rs. 1 crore in a simple ceremony held at the Cabinet Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat today.

Under this scheme, the State Government will provide 100% scholarship to 150 selected Civil Services aspirants to realise their dreams. With one year course fee of Rs. 70,800 per student, the total amount, which is to be borne by the State Government is pegged at Rs. 1,06,20,000. This will be matched by an amount of Rs. 1,11,51,000 to be borne by Delhi-based ALS-IAS Institute under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme. This CSR component will support another 300 students under different slabs of varying scholarship amounts.

A selection examination will be conducted on May 19, 2019 by the ALS-IAS Institute in coordination with the State Higher Education Department and District Administration. The top 150 students will be given 100% scholarship sponsored by the State Government under Chief Minister's Scholarship Scheme for Civil Services Coaching. The next 50 students will get 75% scholarship, the next 50 students will be given 60% scholarship, the next 100 will get 50% scholarship and the remaining 100 will be given 40% scholarship, all sponsored by ALS-IAS Institute. All the selected 450 aspirants of the State will get coaching from the authorised centres of ALS-IAS Institute located at Imphal,



Churachandpur, Ukhrul, Senapati, Tamenglong, Maram and Motbung.

Speaking to media persons, the Chief Minister said that many of the students of the State coming from humble background are desirous of pursuing career in the Civil Services and other higher education. However, many students give up the idea due to high cost of coaching classes and tough competition, he added. As such, the scheme has been conceptualised to provide the much needed support to deserving and meritorious students to realise their dreams, the Chief Minister said.

N. Biren Singh said that the State Government has partnered with ALS-IAS Institute to provide adequate grooming to deserving aspirants. The institute uses modern satellite technology whereby the same class given at Delhi is telecast live at all the Centres of the State with facilities for two-way communication between teachers and students, he informed.

Application forms for the exam

will be available at both DC offices and ALS-IAS authorised learning centres from April 1, 2019 till May 12, 2019. The exam results will be declared on May 26, 2019 and classes will commence from June 5, 2019.

It may be mentioned that similar scholarships have been announced by Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Meghalaya and Tripura as well to get coaching from ALS-IAS Institute. However, Rs. 1,06,20,000 borne by the Government of Manipur is the

highest among all these North East States.

Health and Family Welfare Minister L. Jayantakumar, Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar, Tribal Affairs and Hills Minister N. Kayisii, Education Minister Th. Radheshyam, Chief Secretary Dr. J. Suresh Babu, Principal Secretary (Finance) Rakesh Ranjan, Commissioner (Education) H. Deep and National Sales Head of ALS Coaching Institute Shri Prateek Bhattacharya were also present at the occasion.

## 1<sup>st</sup> state level 2 - Day Media workshop on Climate Change begins

Media fellowship award distributed to 3 journalists

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Minister of Environment and Forest Th. Shyamkumar today inaugurated the 1<sup>st</sup> state level 2-Day media Workshop on Climate Change at Hotel Imphal Conference hall.

The workshop is jointly organised by the Directorate of Environment, Govt. of Manipur, Centre for Media Studies New Delhi and Khelen Thokchom Trust Manipur.

The inaugural function was presided by Director of Environment, Y. Nabachandra while Sobhapati Samom, General Secretary of the Khelen Thokchom Trust shared the dais as Guest of Honour.

Speaking on the occasion Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar stressed on the need for creating awareness about changing climatic conditions of the world and the responsibility of each persons in making the world restored to its natural order.

"Each of us are responsible, each of us should work collectively if we want to save our mother", Shyamkumar said while adding that these days people seems to forget that price of cutting trees to our future.

The Minister further said that

one tree one person will contribute in making the world a green world. Th. Shyamkumar also added that we only speak but we never acted.

Director of Environment Y. Nabachandra said that realizing the role of media in reaching out to all the people about the climate change and its impact the department has awarded media fellowship for one year

starting from April 1, 2019. 3 journalists Baby Seril of Imphal Free Press, Ksh Meghajit of naharolgi Thoudang and Laishram Samungou of Sangai Express were awarded - Rs. 50,000/- each. Another one from among the Hill Journalist is also conferring soon.

The 2 day workshop will conclude at Sendra in Bishnupur district.

## Justice for deceased Asst. Prof . Angom demanded; threaten agitation

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JAC formed against the brutal killing of Assistant Professor Angom Ingocha has warned various forms of agitations if the government fails to fulfil demands of Chakpa Phayeng Sengatpa Lup submitted through a memorandum to CM N Biren within three days.

Regarding the murder of Angom Ingocha s/o Angom Omor of Ranipung Sabal Leikai at Sikkim Manipur area on intervening night of March 2 and 3, the JAC has been demanding to transfer the case here in Manipur. They are also demanding that

suitable compensation to the family of the deceased. The demands of the JAC also include providing a suitable job to the wife or son of the deceased.

Speaking to media co-convenor of the JAC Ningthoujam Popilal urged the government to take up initiatives to deliver justice to the family at the earliest and to fulfil their demands within the next three days, failing which, he warned that various forms of intensified agitations will be launched.

He also appealed to all CSOs and women action groups to support the family in receiving justice

## Awareness programme on Road Traffic Safety

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An awareness programme on Road Traffic Safety was organized by the Field Outreach Bureau, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Imphal at Manipur College, Imphal today.

During the interaction and communication programme, several issues and causes of accidents like, speeding, use of intoxicants, digging of road and lanes, stopping right on top of zebra crossing, overtaking from left was discussed among other things. Queries on priorities between VIPs and emergency



vehicles, legal punitive measures for traffic wrongdoers were put up by the students.

A quiz competition on the topic was held and prizes along with certificate was

distributed by Shri P. Birchandra Singh, Associate Professor, Manipur College. Members of the student's union of the college were present during the said programme.

## Joseph R. Hmar elected new leader of Hmar tribe

By Joshua L.Amaw  
Cpur, March 7,

Joseph R. Hmar has been elected as the new leader to lead the Hmar tribe. He will head the Hmar Inpui (Supreme House of the Hmars) as president for two years till 2022. Hmar representative from all over India met here in Churachandpur for the 10th Hmar Inpui General Assembly-cum-Election at VTI Auditorium, Rengkai, Tuihaphai for the past two days, i.e. March 4 & 5.

Joseph R Hmar is currently the Tribal General of the All Tribal Students' Union Manipur (ATSUM) and also the organisation's former president. J. Lalchhanhima from Mizoram was elected Vice-President. Francis Songate (Manipur) retains his post as General Secretary while Richard Lalanpuia (Manipur) was elected as Joint Secretary.

The Assembly delegates also



passed a number of resolutions including an amendment to its constitution. "Henceforth, December 5 will be celebrated as Sikipui Ruoi - the main festival of the Hmar tribe in regions inhabited by the Hmar tribe," Hmar Inpui resolution said. The organisation will also appeal to Manipur government for declaring December 5 as a restricted holiday as is being done in the neighbouring state of Assam.

## NCD Cell Organise Awareness Programme on Breast Cancer



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The NCD Cell, District Health Society Thoubal Organised One Day Breast Cancer Awareness and Screening Programme yesterday at District Hospital, Thoubal, under the aegis of National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer Diabetes Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke.

The programme was attended by Dr. W. Ruhinikumar Singh, paediatrician, District Hospital Thoubal, Dr. Kh. Homeshwar Singh, District Nodal Officer, NCD Cell Thoubal and Ch. Basanta Singh, District Programme Manager, District Health Society Thoubal were attended the programme as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honor respectively.

Dr. Chinglaiphaba, Surgeon, District Hospital Thoubal was the resource person of

the day. He explained about the early detection of the breast cancer by self as well as screening through power point presentation. Handouts were also made available to the participants.

Women of thirty years and above participated in the programme and they were screened for Breast Cancer at the NCD Clinic District Hospital Thoubal. Community Health Officers posted at Health and Wellness Centres in Thoubal District and trainees were also benefited from the training programme. It will help them in Population Based Screening on Non Communicable Diseases at their respective health and wellness centres.

The dignitaries on the dais shared their views on regular screening for breast cancer detection and regular follow up. Follow up can be done at their nearest Health and Wellness Centres.